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SUBJECT: EC COUNTRIES COAL PRODUCTION

1. IN VIEW OF RISING OIL PRICES, EC AND OTHER ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES CAN BE EXPECTED TO PROMOTE SUBSTITUTION BY EXPANDING DOMESTIC COAL PRODUCTION AND SEEKING NEW SOURCES OF IMPORTED COAL. U.S. AGENCIES NEED FURTHER INFORMATION ALONG THE LINES GIVEN BELOW. ADDRESSEES SHOULD THEREFORE BE ALERT TO OBTAIN AND REPORT INFORMATION ON COAL CONTRACTS AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COURSE OF THEIR CONTACTS WITH HOST COUNTRY ENERGY OFFICIALS AND IN THEIR ANALYSIS OF INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO THE MISSION.

2. WE ASSUME USEC MIGHT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN CONSIDERABLE DATA COVERING MEMBER COUNTRIES.

1. DETAILS ON NEW, LARGE CONTRACTS FOR COAL IMPORTS, INCLUDING COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, LENGTH OF CONTRACT, TYPE OF COAL, AND PRICE.

2. LONGER TERM CONTRACTS BEING SOUGHT TO REPLACE EXISTING CONTRACTS AS THEY EXPIRE.

3. NEW ATTEMPTS TO FORM JOINT VENTURES WITH OR ACQUIRE OWNERSHIP IN FOREIGN COAL COMPANIES.

4. IS ECSC OR ARE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES DEVELOPING PLANS FOR A RAPID EXPANSION IN DOMESTIC PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES?

5. ARE EC GOVERNMENTS RELAXING ENVIRONMENTAL RULES TO ALLOW GREATER USE OF HIGH-SULFUR COAL?

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